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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FM CALCUTTA MAY 08, REPEATED:

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BENGALI- LANGUAGE DAILY, ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA, WHICH HAS
LARGEST CIRCULATION (375,000) ANY NEWSPAPER IN INDIA, FRONT-
PAGED FOLLOWING STORY UNDER CAPTION, " NAVY DIVERS IN SEARCH
OF SECRET INSTRUMENTS IN PORT." FULL TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

" BECAUSE OF SUSPICION THAT FOREIGN AGENTS HAD RECENTLY SET
UP SOME SECRET INSTRUMENTS FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE
CALCUTTA PORT, SOME NAVY DIVERS WERE ENGAGED LAST WEEK IN
INVESTIGATING PORT. THESE DIVERS SEARCHED FOR INSTRUMENTS
UNDER WATER HOUR AFTER HOUR. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE
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DIVERS FOUND ANYTHING. EVEN IF THEY DID, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO DIVULGE IT NOW. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE NAVY WAS ENGAGED TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. IT IS SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD GOTTEN INFORMATION THAT FOREIGNERS HAD BEEN TRYING TO DO SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AT CALCUTTA PORT, BUT IN SPITE OF ITS BEST EFFORTS, THE GOVERNMENT COULD DO NOTHING ABOUT. RECENTLY POLICE ARRESTED ONE AMERICAN FROM THE CALCUTTA PORT AREA. HE HAD A DIVER'S SUIT WITH HIM. IT IS KNOWN THAT HE ENTERED THE WATER. ON THE BASIS OF THE STATEMENT OF THIS ARRESTED DIVER, POLICE ARRESTED ANOTHER AMERICAN FROM A HOTEL IN CENTRAL CALCUTTA. DIVER'S SUIT AND GAS CYLINDER WERE ALSO FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION. IN REPLY TO THE QUERY WHY HE ENTERED THE WATER WITH THE DIVERS SUIT, THE ARRESTED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY SAID ONLY ONE THING: TO SWIM. TO SWIM IN CALCUTTA PORT THESE TWO PERSONS CAME FROM THE US BY PLANE INDEED*" SIGNED GORDON UNQUOTE MOYNIHAN

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